

SENATE RESOLUTION 135

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Cora Faith Walker of Missouri.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness that we learned of the untimely passing of Cora Faith Walker, a highly successful attorney and politician who served the State of Missouri as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives from 2016 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ferguson, Missouri, Mrs. Walker was elected to the House of Representatives in 2016 but resigned in 2019 to take the Chief Policy Officer position under St. Louis County Executive Sam Page; and

WHEREAS, Cora Walker made it her mission to help others as a public servant, a fighter, and a mentor; as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, she was deeply passionate about advocating for the expansion of Medicaid throughout Missouri and for eliminating disparities in maternal health for minority mothers; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Chief Policy Officer for the St. Louis County Executive, Mrs. Walker was a staunch advocate for reproductive rights and health, and she helped secure \$173.5 million in pandemic and federal aid relief for local communities, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, Cora Walker was a compassionate public servant who consistently advocated for women, newborns, survivors of sexual violence, reproductive rights, seniors, and frontline healthcare workers; and

WHEREAS, this beloved lawmaker's legacy is one of tenacity, brilliance, and kindness and dedication to being a champion of the people; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she will be sadly mourned yet fondly remembered by her devoted husband, Tim; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drew; and her siblings; and

WHEREAS, Cora Walker leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of former Missouri House of Representatives member Cora Faith Walker and her laudable service to her fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Walker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.